### FIGHTS HARD FOR VARSITY GAME

Board of Directors Pass Reso lution Expressing Displeasure If Not Played There.

#### CONTRACTORS LACK LABOR

U. S. Deputy Marshal Gray Has Resigned, to Take Effect With the New Year.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NOHFOLK, VA., Dec. 28.—At the
meeting to-night of the Board of Directors of the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association, George Pilcher, for merly a member of the foot-ball team of the University of Virginia, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association of Norfolk, that there is some doubt about the place

ness Men's Association of Norfolk, that there is some doubt about the place where the next Virginia-Carolina football game is to be played, and that the alumni of the University of Virginia of Norfolk are endeavoring to have that game played here on next Thanksgiving Day; and, whereas, since the Virginia-Carolina. Thanksgiving game has been played in Richmond for the past three successive years; therefore, be it "Resolved, That since Norfolk is well equipped to handle the said game to the satisfaction of all concerned, it is the sense of this association that that game should be played here on Thanksgiving Day, 1905. And be it further "Resolved. That this association hereby places its emphatic disapproval of any discrimination against Norfolk in favor of Richmond or any other city, as the place of playing said game, and as no Virginia-Carolina game has been played here since the establishment of lafayetta field in this city, it is the sense of this meeting further that unless more favorable consideration can be given the gentlemen of Norfolk, who have made it possible for the two universities to have a well equipped field for their games, without any idea of receiving any compensation for their time and outley of money, then this association wishes to record its disapproval of such a lack of consideration on the part of the athlectic authorities, who have in charge the arrangements of said game. And be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the proper authorities of the University of Virginia by the committee of the alumni of this city, which has the matter in charge."

LABOR SCARCE.

There are five thousand idle negroes in Norfolk to-day and plenty of work for nearly all of them. Despite this building contractors are literally begging for laborers. This is the way one of the bis-gest contractors summed up the situation this morning. He has need for 1,000 men at once and can secure only about 200 at \$1.25 a day.

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The catimate by the contractor is declared to be exaggerated by Rev. R. H. Howling, pastor of the Buto Street Baptist Church (colored). He figures on the last census report, which gave Norfolk 23.000 negroes at a proportion of ohe adult male in each four and one-half. This would put the total number of negro men at about five thousand. Rev. Bowling thinks there are only about 1,000 unemployed negroes in the city. That there is a scarcity of labor is unquestioned, and the matter is causing much trouble among the building men.

DIVORCE.

Papers in the divorce proceedings of I. O. Williamson, were filed this morning. They name several corespondents, one of whom admits the truth of the allegation, so far as he is concerned, Mrs. Williamson enters a general denial.

Deputy United States Marshal W. B. Gray resigned and will leave the Federal service January 1st. Mr. Gray's resignation was tendered to Morgan Treat November 1st, and is in no way connec'ed with the recent shake-up by the President.

WASHINGTON TOMBS.

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#### Only Two of the Inscriptions Are Now Legible.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG. VA., Decomber 11.—Much interest is felt here in the work recently done by the Colonial Dames of Virghia, in placing a marble slab over the grave of Augustine Washington, father of General Washington, at Wakefield, in the Northern Neck. Only two of the tombstones that mark the graves in the burying ground at Wakefield now have legible inscriptions. One of these is dated 1698, and marks the grave of the two children. John and Mildred Washington, uncle and aunt of General Washington. The other is dated 1729, and is over the grave of Jane Butler, the first wife of the father of George Washington. The grave-yard has been put in splendid order with a pretty enclosure and gate, in keeping with the well kept grounds of the beautiful monument a few yards away, donated by the government, which marks the spot where the greatest American general was born. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG. VA., Decembe

#### MILLIONS OF POUNDS.

Greatest Tobacco Shipment in the History of the World.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., Becomber 23.—One
firm in Danville shipped over the Southern Railroad to-day twenty-eight hundred hogsheads of leaf tobacco, bought
on the Danville market. This single shipment represents over three million
pounds, It required the capacity of one
hundred and eighty freight cars to handlo
this amount of tobacco.

This is perhaps the very largest single
shipment of the leaf tobacco aver made
by one firm in one single day in the
world.

#### BOLD ROBBERY.

#### Window Broken Open to Secure a Box of Prize Money.

R Box of Prize Money.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSTONE. VA. December 23.—
Two men broke in the large pinte-glass front of the Blackstone Clothing House at 4 o'clock this morning and took from the window a box of money which was on axhibition there as a prize?

It was the custom of the proprietors to move this box every night; but it was overlooked at closing time inst night. A policeman, who was up in the feliphone exchange offica, directly across on the other corner, heard the crash, and, looking out, saw two men. He ran down the steps in time to see them make off. He gave chase, but could not overtake them.

The glass was broken with a single-tree, both sides of the window—it was a corner window—being broken. The glass slone was valued at about \$175. The building is owned by Dr. L. C. Theker.

It is not known just how much money

# PEOPLE



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It strongthens the whole nervous system. BEEF In extract form—strengthens, stimulates, and is easily digested.

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It is not a cure-all, nor is it recommen-ded as such. It is compounded of the val-nable remedial substances from which it takes its name and which area lawsy pre-scribed by physicians in their daily prac-tice. A fair trial will convince the most skeptical.

#### PRICE \$ 1.00 BOTTLE

For sale at all druggists, or will be sent by mail on receipt of price.

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was in the box, it being a prize offered; but is supposed to have contained in the neighborhood of \$20. This is the second robbory here recently, the other being the hardware store of Stakes, Williams and Company, at which time about \$360 worth of guins, pistols and pocket knyes were stolen.

#### A HEAVY FINE.

Question of Police Jurisdiction to be Taken to Supreme Court.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 22.-NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 2.—
W. E. Jarrell, proprietor of the Arlington Hotel, located in Elizabeth City counity, just across Salter's Creek, from the
city, was convicted of selling liquer on
Sunday in the Corporation Court to-day
and fined \$200. The case will go to the
Court of Appeals, as the county liquor
dealers propose to test the right of the
city to exercise authority in the county. The Anti-Salcon League is responsible for the prosecution.

The submarine Simon Lake X, had a
satisfactory run in James River to-day.
The government jest will take place in
a short time.

#### COCAINE VENDER.

Threatened Witnesses and Went

to Jail Without Bail. to Jail Without Bail.

(Special to The Timer-Dissatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 23.—A sensation was caused in the Police Court here this morping when the case against James Faulkner, a white man, who is charged with selling cocaine to a number of boys in the city, was called. The case was about to be continued until next Wednesday, when it was told Mayor Smith that Faulkner had threatened to kill several of the young boys who were witnesses against him, if they testified. Faulkner was sent to jail without bail, although he had been at liberty on a bond since the arrest some days ago. The case is attracting no little attention, and if it is made out against the accused, an offort is to be made to ascertian where Faulkner secured the drug. The police claim he has been doing a thriving business among boys, some of whom are as young as ten years.

and over the contents by fire.

Augusta Shooting Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 23.—Thomas Monree, who was charged with shooting Walter Hite at Stuart's Draft yesterday, was jailed here this morning. He was evening by a Chesapeake and Ohio pash have deated the mains of the man who was killed last evening by a Chesapeake and Ohio pash have deen identified as those of Miles McCordina, and the grand jury.

The was employed on a railroad construction force operating in Alexandria county.

Frank Russel, John Peters, Richard McCrag, Henry King, Eddle Maple, Harry Robinson, Patrick Walsh and E. Rrown, all young white men, were sent to jail to-day to await trial on the charge of holding up Wills Porter, near the center of the city last night, heating and following him. The officers designated to convey them from the station-house to fine jail were suspicious of soveral of the prisoners, and so they were tied together by a long rope and in that manner conducted through the streets.

Dr. J. W

Dr. J. W. Drewry Loses His Handsome Dwelling.

Handsome Dwelling.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOYKINS, VA., December 23.—Dr. J.

W. Drowry lost his handsome home by
fire last night, caused, by a defective
flue. When discovered the house was
in flames. With the heroic work on
the part of the town people almost everything in the house was saved, together
with windows, stair banisters and other
fixtures.

fixtures.

At one time the whole town seemed in danger, but for its being a calm night, many more houses would have burned. The house next to Dr. Drewry was very

badly damaged.

The insurance on Dr. Drewry's house had just run out, and this, of course, means a total loss to him.

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#### ANTI-BILIOUS MEDICINE,

In melarial districts their virtues are widely recognized, as they pos-sess peculiar properties in freeing the system from that poisos. Ele-gantly sugar coated.

### THE GRAYS AT | COL. J. C. SLEMP TARGET PRACTICE

The Medal Lies Between Ser- Republican Conference at Roageant Dahlen and Private Harrison.

#### THE GRANITE CITY TAKEN OFF

New Norfolk Line Steamer Has Wooden Hull and Cannot Buck the Appomattox River Ice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERISHURG, VA., Dec. 28.—Last
night's shoot did not change the record in the target practice of the Petersburg Private . Anderson's score of twelve was the best made by the twelve competitors, and the record of seventeen made by Sergeant Dahlen and Private Harlson will probably be the highest. There are ten men yet to shoot, and if no higher score is made the result of the tie vill decide the possession of the markmanship medal.

The Petersburg and Norfolk Navigaplying between this city and Norfolk, has been taken off that route, to be succeeded, it is understood, by a boat better suited to the service on that line. The Granite City is a wooden hoat, without metal plates, and her inability to cut through the ice that, forms in the Appointtox River is stated as the reason for her

River is stated as the reason for her removal.

Miss Nellie Kathryn Burt, an assistant at the music school of Mrs. Roberston, gave a plane recital last night in honor of the patrons and pupils of the school. Miss Burt played beautifully, and Miss Florence Titus delighted the atidlence with her violin selections. Miss Burt left this morning to spend the holidays at her home in Pennsylvania.

An elaborate calendar exhibition is being prepared by the Young Men's Christian Association, and will be opened at the Y. M. C. A. building on December 28th. Hundsome calendars from all parts of the United States will be exhibited and there will be a competitive display of local calendars.

OPPOSITION FOR ROGERS.

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It is rumored that Captain Asa Rogers, collector of internal rovenue for the second dottet, will have some opposition for reappointment. Captain Rogers will have the unbroken support of this community. Miss Susie Dexter and Mr. Edward La Traylor, both of this city, were married last night at the residence of Rev. Dr. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Dr. Taylor performed the ceromony, and Miss Annie Humphrey and Mr. Waverly Moore were bridal attendants.

#### FIRE IN ALBEMARLE.

Barn of W. H. McCue, Near Afton, Burns With Contents:

Afton, Burns With Contents:

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 23.—
The valuable stailes and barn of William H. McCue, situated near Afton, this country, were totally destroyed by fire about daybroak this morning, entailing, a, loss of over seven thousand dollars, fully covered by insurance.

Mr. McCue is a brother of ex-Mayor J. Samuel McCue, sentenced to be hanged here next month for wife murder, and is one of the most prominent horse and cattle dealers in Albemarie. His stables contained at the time of the fire high-class show horses valued at eight thousand dollars, all of which were saved.

Highflyer, a show ring horse, the property of ex-Mayor McCue, made its escape and was found eight miles from the farm. Over one hundred tons of hay and enough provender to feed a hundred cattle were consumed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AFFON, VA, Dec. 23—Mr. McCue had a small traction engine cutting up feed for his stock. A spark ignited a stack of fodder, and the building was in a few moments beyond control. He lost all his winter feed, a number of hogs, farming tools and other property. Fortunately his fine blooded stock and horses had been turned out.

Mr. McCue lost two years ago his barn and all its contents by fire.

This is a most unlucky blunder in the particular connection, inasminch as Jofferson, "The Father of the University of Virginia," was the man who engaged Houdon, to do the work.

In a letter of Jefferson to Patrick Henry, then Governor of Virginia, dated at Paris, January 12, 1785, he says: Sir,—The letter of July, 20, 1784, \* • • which enclosed the resolution of Assembly for the statue of General Washington came to my hands on the 29th of November. \* • • There could be no question raised as to

There could be no question raised as to There could be no question raised as to the sculptor to be amployed; the reputation of Monsieur Houdon, of this city, being unrivalled in Europe. • • Monsieur Houdon, whose reputation is such as to make it his principal object, was so anxious to be the person who should hand down the figure of the General to future ages, that without hesitating a moment in offered to abandon his business here to leave the statues of kings unfinished, and to go to America to take the true figure by actual inspection and measuration."

iton."
It is true that Dr. Franklin did go with Mr. Jefferson to call on Houdon; that was his sole connection with the

transaction,
Dr. Franklin was a very great man, as severybedy will admit, but it was Jofferson, and not Franklin, who secured this matchies sculptor to execute the incomparable statue of Washington.
There is also now in the State Library, tomporarily removed from the rotunda of the Capitol, a fine marble bust of Lafuyste, by the same Houdon.

Respectfully,
W. W. SCOTT,
Richmond, Va., December 23, 1994.

# CHOSEN REFEREE

noke Name Him in Resolutions.

#### NO OFFICE HOLDER WANTED

Statement Prepared for President, But Will Not be Made Public Till He Sees It.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., December 33.—The
conference of Republican members of the convention held here by Congressman Slemp at the request of President Roose velt, adjourned this morning after adopting the following resolutions: "Be it resolved, first, That in matters

pertaining to Federal appointments in Virginia, it is the sense of this body that

Virginia, it is the sense of this body that Colonel Campbell Slemp, the only Republican member of Congress from Virginia, he solected as general referee, and that the President be requested to consult him in making appointments. "Second, that inasmuch as we have not at this time sufficiently full information to enable us to satisfactorily suggest the names of the Advisory Committee, that Colonel Slemp, after consultation with the President select such committee, to be composed of one man from each congressional district of the State with whom to consult concerning appointments in his district.

In his district.
"Third, that it is the sense of this meet "Third, that it is the same of this meeting that no Federal officeholder be selected as a member of said committee.

A long and exhaustive statement of the needs of the party in the State was then prepared and adopted, to be presented to the President for his consideration. This paper could not be gotten for publication at this time, as it is considered improper by the meeting to give it out until after the President sees it.

#### A SECRET WEDDING.

Announcement of Percy Harris's Marriage Creates Sensation.

Marriage Creates Sensation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMELERIST, VA., December 2.—Considerable surprise was manifested here this morning when it was announced in the streets, that Mr. Percy Harris, formerly of this place, and now a student at the Medical College of Virginia, and Miss Innes Randolph, of this place, who has been teaching at Dodson, Md., were privately married in North Carolina last September.

Mr. Harris has been attending the Med-

vately married in North Carolina last September.

Mr. Harris has been attending the Medical College during the present session, and Miss Randolph has been teaching in Maryland. So the announcement of their marriage was, indeed, a surprise to their friends, though Mr. Harris has been paying quite constant attention to Miss Randolph for several years past.

Mr. Harris is a son of Mr. F. J. Harris, tormerly of Amherst, but now of Radford, Va., where he is easilent of the Rudford Trust Company. Mr. Harris expects to graduate from the Medical College of Virginia next spring. Miss Randolph is a daughter of the late Poyton Randolph, who in his lifetime was well known in Virginia, being prominent in Southern Rallway circles.

Miss Randolph graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, of Lynchburg, last session, and made an enviable reputation at college, editing the Melianthus, the college annual.

Mrs. Harris will join her husband here to-day, from where they will go to Radford to spend Christmas, with Mr. Harris's father. After Christmas they will go to Richmond.

#### AN ELEGANT WEDDING.

Miss Mary Alma French Bride of A. C. Ogburn.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CUMBERLAND, VA., Dec. 23.—The
marriage of Miss Mary Alma French, the
daughter of the late Hugh A. French and
of Mrs. Nannie R. French, to Mr. Alpheus
Cabell Ogburn, or South Hill, Va., took
place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at
the residence of the bride's mother, at
gunny Side, this county. The ceremony was performed by Dr. John Bagby,
of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Hardy was
at the organ rendering a musical programme, which included Lohengrin, as
the bridal party entered the parior, and
appropriate selections throughout the
ceremony, and Mendelssohn's at the close.

The entire first floor had received the
lavish attention of skillful decoratore,
and the color scheme was beautifully carried out in white and green, with softshaded pink lights, which lent additional
charm to the scene. The bride entered
with her brother, Mr. Maynard French,
and sine wore a handsome tallor suit of
rich brown, with hat and gloves to match.
She carried a bunch of Bride roses. She
was met at the altar by the groom, with
his bes' man, Mr. George Wayt, immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs.
Ogburn left for a bridal trip, and will
be at home after some days at South
Hill, Va.

On the evening preceding the marriage

Hill. Va.

On the evening preceding the marriage Miss French was "at home" from 8 o'clook until 10 o'clook P. M., in which time many of her friends called, and delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. Ogburn, who is a charming young woman, has a host of friends in the county who regret that her home will be elsewhere.

#### Lynchburg Weddings.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHHURG, VA., December 23.—The home of Mr. James W. Harper, in Durmild, Lynchburg suburb, was the scene of a quiet wedding hast night, when his daughter, Miss Ora B., became the wife of Mr. T. W. Hurt, of this city,

Mr. Pleelwood H. Holt and Miss Viola A. Nash, both of this city, were married quietly last night at the home of the bride's parents, in Rivermont, in the presence of a small gathering of relatives and friends.

Mr. James W. Brown, stonographer for John P. Pettyjohn Company, and Miss Susan E. Pattie, instructor in typewriting at the Pledmont Business College, both of this city, were married quietly last night at 8 o'clock at the rectory of the Rev. J. M. Owens, officiating.

Rev. T. H. Lacey, rector of the Epiphas resigned his present charge to accept the call from the Episcopal Church at Blackstone, and he will leave here on January Tin to begin his work with his new congregation on the following day.

Mrs. John Helbig, of this city, has issued invitations to the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Laia, Emelia, to Rev. Ethol Ebenezer Farsons, the eyent to take place at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of January in at Westminster Presbyterian Church, in this city,

# ...The Big Store is... Holiday Buying Headquarters.

HE FACT STANDS UNDISPUTED. The offerings show it—the values attest it the crowds prove it. Every day this week has been a new sales-record makersuch influx of overwhelming numbers from the early morning hours until the latest closing moment is unprecedented in the store's history, exceeding even our own most sanguine expectations.

Holiday attractions animate every section of every department. Astounding bargain brilliancy is afforded in the Clothing Sections by reason of radical Reductions on all broken lots and discontinued lines, whilst surprising offerings prevail in the finer lines by reason of the recent enormous woolen deal at manufacturing headquarters, through benefits of which hundreds of yards of finest foreign and American woolens were secured at an immense sacrifice of actual value and market rulings.

## Men's Fashionable Superior Clothing

Special Holiday Offerings for To-Day

Men's \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats, Actual Twelve-fifty, Thirteen-fifty and Fifteen-Dollar Values,

The Suits are in fine Black Thibets, Neat Mixtures, Cassimeres, Nobby Pattern Tweeds and Stylish Plaid Effect Cheviots, in the correct fashion single and double-breasted styles, well tailored and superbly, trimmed. The saving is at least from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

The Overcoats are in long, three-quarter length or short box styles, made from high-grade Coverts, Friezes, Cheviots, Kerseys and Meltons, in all the prevailing shades, hefts and fancy effects. The saving is at least from \$2.50 to \$5.00 on

### Pre-Holiday Reductions in the Boys' Department.

The great sale is at its height to-day. Every line replenished with fresh reductions. Special for to-day:

39C Mothers' Friend Shirt-Walsts, of superior quality Percale and Madras, attached or detached collars.

50c. and 75c. grades, for......39c

Elegant House Coats. Bath Robes. Leather Goods, Gloves, H'd'k'fs and Mufflers for

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Men and Boys, Lounging Robes, Umbrellas, Canes Suitable

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OPERA GLASSES.

The best line of Opera Glasses in the South. Imported direct for our select holiday trads. All colors of pearl in Chevalier and Lemaire makes. Such a gift is appreciated

We also suggest as Holiday gifts

A nice pair of Spectacles, Rya Glasses or Lorgnettes, which will be exchanged to suit the eyes of

the wearer.
A pretty ornamental Thermometer,
a Kodak or Camera for the boy or
girl. Magnifying Glasses, Reading

The S. Galeski Optical Co.

Main and Eighth Streets.

by anyone.

Classes, etc.

### DR. DELANCY HICKS SENT TO GRAND JURY

That Day as Hicks's Draft Called for.

Called for.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 23.—

Dr. S. Delancy Hicks, the specialist, who was arrested in Norfolk for the local authorities on the charge of forgery, was sent on to the grand jury by Justice Brown in the Police Court to-day. No effort to give ball for the prisoner was made, and he was committed to jall. A grand jury will probably take up his case during the January term of the Corporation Court.

Dr. Hicks has already begun to show the effects of prison life, He has slept little and eaten practically nothing since he was incarcerated, and this morning he fainted in the Police Court room. Two physicians were called, and the prisoner was restored to consciousnes in a few minutes.

John T. Gregory, teller of the City Bank, testified that Dr. Hicks had never had more than \$101.50 to his credit at the bank at any one time. He also testified that there was no deposit of \$500 by any one on October 28th, the date the specialist claims ito Bave deposited \$500. Other witnesses were put on the stand to testify that a draft for \$500 from the Traders National Bank, of Washington, D. C., dated December 3d, came to the City Bank, through the First National Bank, having attached to it a deposit slip, purporting to show that Dr. Hicks had deposited \$500 at the City Bank, through the First National Bank, having attached to it a deposit slip, purporting to show that Dr. Hicks had deposited \$500 on the stand himself.

self.
The bank officials claim that the specialist changed the figured on a \$10 deposit slip so as to make it read \$500.

Carter-Singleton.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)

CARTERS VILLE. VA., Dec. 28.—Mr.

Samuel Carter and Miss Mattle May
Singleton were married at Smyrna Bap-list Church. In Goochland county, yester-day morning at tenthirty o'clock. Rev.

R. L. Wingfield performed the ceremony after which the couple droys to West View and took the train for the Bust.

"LAXO for sale by all druggists,"

## STIFF'S WHARF

No Such Amount Deposited Partridges Hunted With a Dog and Net Successfully at Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSEURG, VA., Dec. 23.—
Suitt's wharf, in King George county, on
the Potomac River, always suffers damage from the lee when the river freezes.
It is so located that it receives the full
pressure of the ice, and it piles up against
it, and the lighter part of the wharf is
usually carried away. The drifting ice
has again carried off the bridge portion
of the structure, connecting the pier head
and warehouse with the shore. Passenagers and freight for that wharf are being landed at Somerset Bench.
Notwithstanding the heavy lee, the
stemmers are still keeping up their schedule, though they are running behind the
time in arriving. The steamer Northumberland, due to leave here at 2 o'clock
Thursday, left at 11:30. The steamers
have so far managed to keep the channel
open.
A story comes from Essex county that

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A story comes from Essex county that a party there is using a new device for catching birds. He has a well trained setter dog and hunts at night. The dog wears a bell, and when the bell stops its inkiling the huntor knows there is a "point," With a buill's-eye lantern and a net he manages to catch the flock.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held here on January 5th for the election of officers. During the long spell of cold weather, while the ground has been covered with snow, a number of farmers in this section have been feeding the birds, and in some instances partridges have become so tame that small flocks of them have gone up to the house and mingled with the farm poultry at feeding time.

FIRE AT COURTLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebrell Make a Narrow Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUPPOLK, VA. Dec. 28.—Wednesday night the home of Mr. John N. Sebrell, Sr., at Courtland, Va. was burned. Mr. and Mrs. Sebrell, its only occupants, were case unscorched, and saved nothing. Loss, \$8,000; no insurance.